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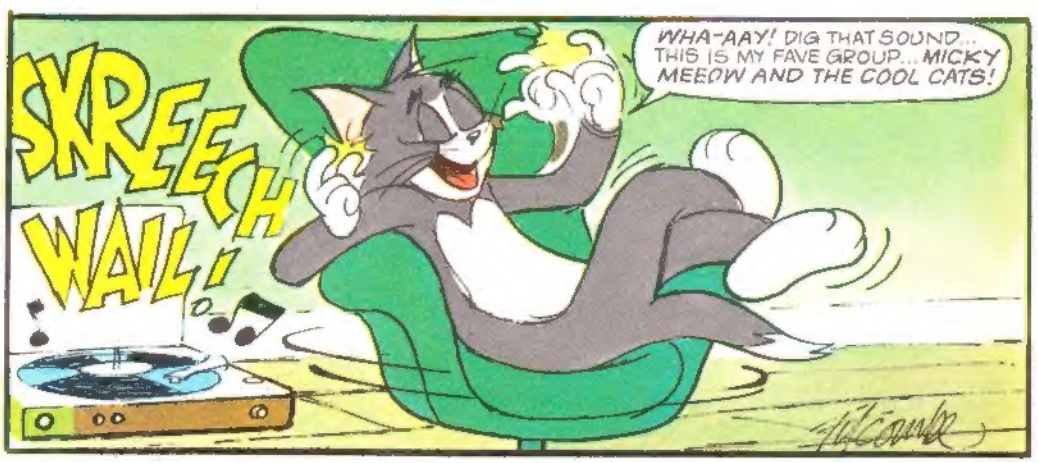
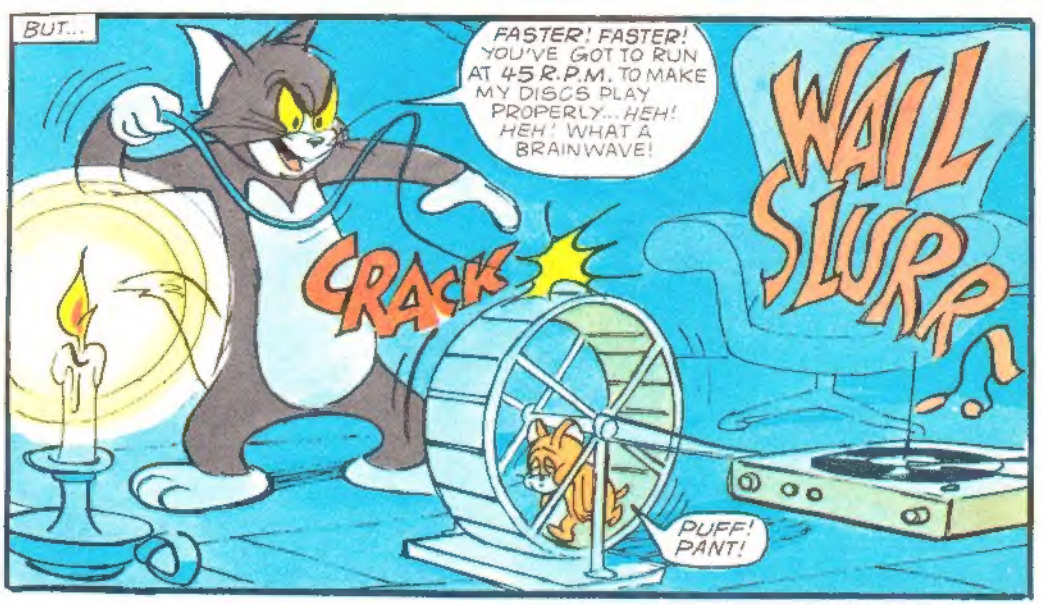
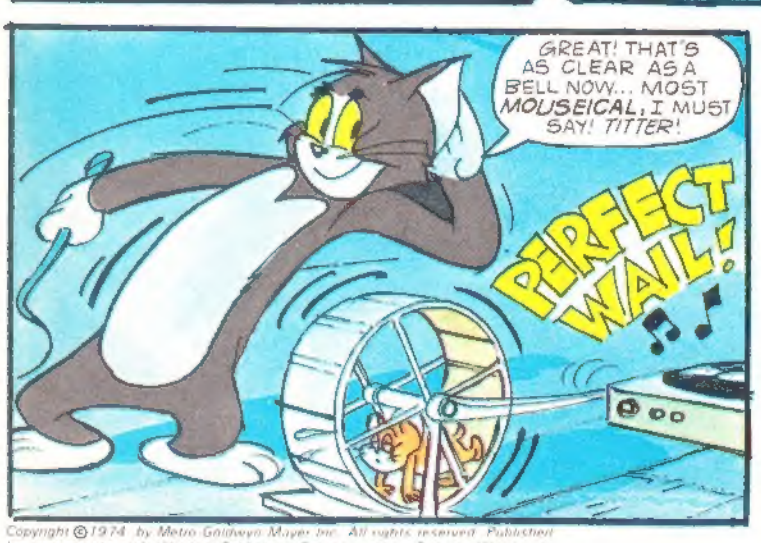
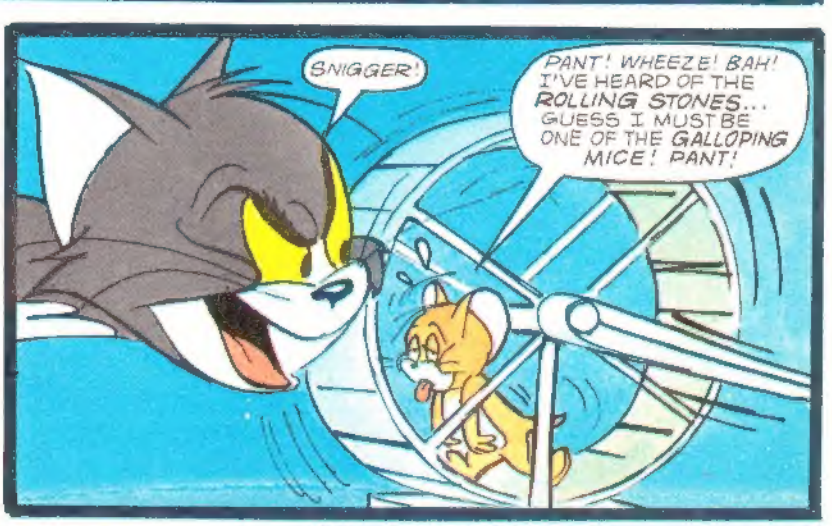
TOM and Jerry




BUT...
FASTER! FASTER! YOU'VE GOT TO RUN AT 45 R.P.M. TO MAKE MY DISCS PLAY PROPERLY... HEH! HEH! WHAT A BRAINWAVE!
CRACK
WAIL SLURP
PUFF! PANT!





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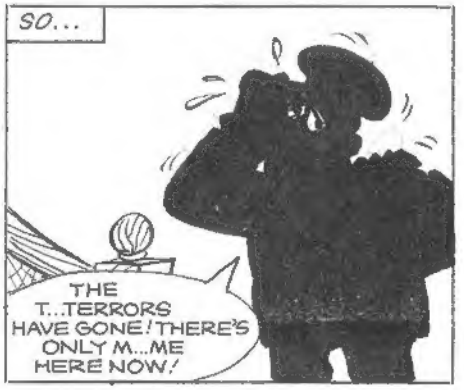
A LITTLE LATER...
HMMM! WHAT A NICE SOOTHING DISC...ZZZZ...
PANT! GASP!
PANT! PUFF!
ZZZZ
PHEW! THANK GOODNESS HE'S DROPPED OFF TO SLEEP...NOW AT LAST I CAN ESCAPE!
TOM'S A FASTER RUNNER THAN ME SO THIS TIME I AIM T' BUILD A GETAWAY CAR!
THERE! HOW'S THAT?
YAAAWN!
AHA! AND I'VE COMPLETED IT JUST IN TIME...TOM'S WAKING UP!
I'M OFF!
COME BACK HERE WITH MY TWO FAVOURITE DISCS, YOU!
FLIPPIN' POWER-CUTS... I DROPPED A FIVE PENCE PIECE AND IT ROLLED INTO THE BROOM CUPBOARD SOMEWHERE!
AHA! I CAN HEAR NOISES FROM THE BROOM CUPBOARD... I BET JERRY'S HIDING IN THERE!
BROOM CUPBOA
I'LL POKE MY CANDLE INSIDE AND HAVE A LOOK ROUND IN THE DARK FOR A SIGN OF HIM...
NEYARRGH!
ULP!
WHACK WHACK!
YOWL! SHRIEEK! W-A-I-L!
TE! HE! THAT'S THE KIND OF MUSIC I LIKE TO HEAR! THERE MAY BE NO ELECTRICITY BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF POWER IN THE MAID'S ARM! HAR! HAR!

Bound into Spring with your pals next week

TV Terrors

COO! LET'S EXPLORE THE HAUNTED HOUSE, CHUMS! IT'S SURE TO BE FULL OF THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT!
FIRTREE MANOR HAUNTED HOUSE



HO-HO! NOW WE CAN SEE THE WHOLE MANOR AND HOPPIT DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING!
...AND HERE IS THE BANQUETING-HALL-HAUNTED BY MY GREAT-UNCLE HARRY!
TH...THAT'S NICE! G..GULP!

Hoppit's ahead in a competition soon!

The FLAXTON BOYS

ONE morning, Flaxton Hall receives a strange visitor . . .

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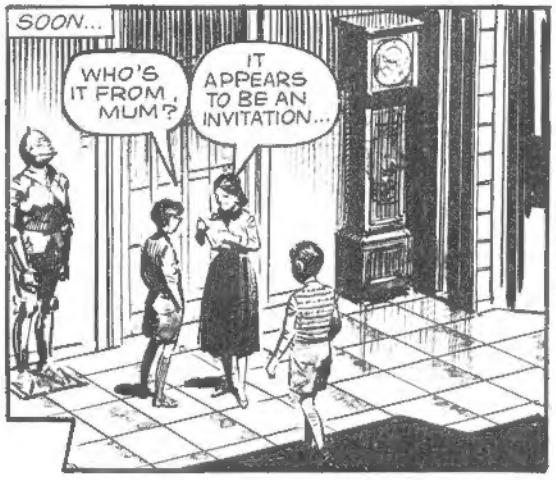
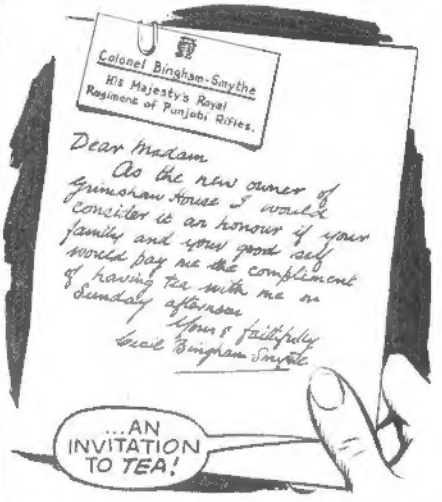
BUT MATTHEW CAN ONLY GAZE IN FASCINATION AT THE DISAPPEARING FIGURE...
MATTHEW? I SAID WHO WAS IT?
MMM...SORRY, MUM. I DON'T REALLY KNOW. IT WAS AN INDIAN CHAP. HE BROUGHT YOU THIS LETTER.




Colonel Bingham-Smythe
His Majesty's Royal Regiment of Punjabi Rifles.
Dear Madam
As the new owner of Grimshaw House I would consider it an honour if your family and your good self would pay me the compliment of having tea with me on Sunday afternoon
Yours faithfully
Cecil Bingham Smythe
...AN INVITATION TO TEA!

SO, WHEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON ARRIVES...
HE'LL PROBABLY BE LIKE UNCLE CHARLIE. ALL THOSE BORING STORIES ABOUT BARRACKS AND PARADES.
IF HE'S BEEN TO INDIA I BET HE'S BEEN FIGHTING WILD TRIBESMEN.
WHATEVER THE COLONEL'S LIKE, PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MANNERS.

BUT THEN COMES A CHILLING NOISE...
COR! CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY THEY'RE ALL CHAINED UP!
I AGREE, TERRY. THEY DON'T SOUND ALL THAT FRIENDLY!

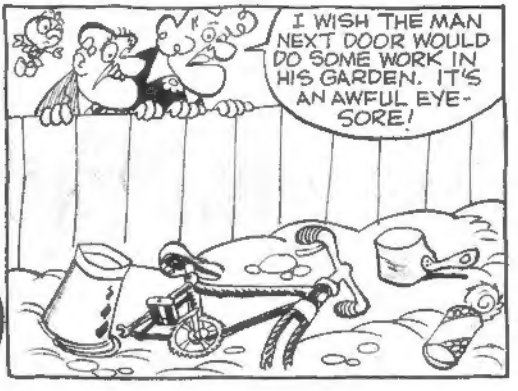
BEFORE LONG...
SO GLAD YOU COULD ACCEPT MY INVITATION, MA'AM.
VERY KIND OF YOU TO HAVE US, COLONEL. IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT GRIMSHAW HOUSE IS BEING LIVED IN AGAIN.
COO!
GOLLY!

DID YOU SHOOT ALL THESE, SIR?
EVERY ONE, MY BOY. THAT BIG CHAP THERE WAS THE WORST OF THE LOT. TERRORISED A VILLAGE FOR YEARS BEFORE I PICKED HIM OFF!

THE BOYS WATCH IN AWE AS COLONEL BINGHAM-SMYTHE UNLOCKS A CUPBOARD...
THEY HADN'T ANY MONEY SO THE HEAD MAN PRESSED ME TO TAKE THEIR MOST VALUED POSSESSION!

Continued next week

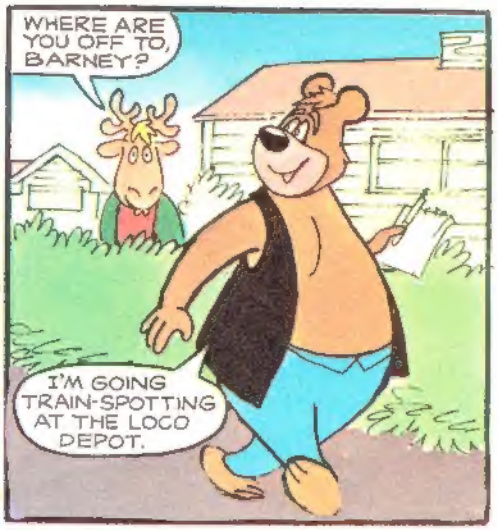
MIGHTY MOTH

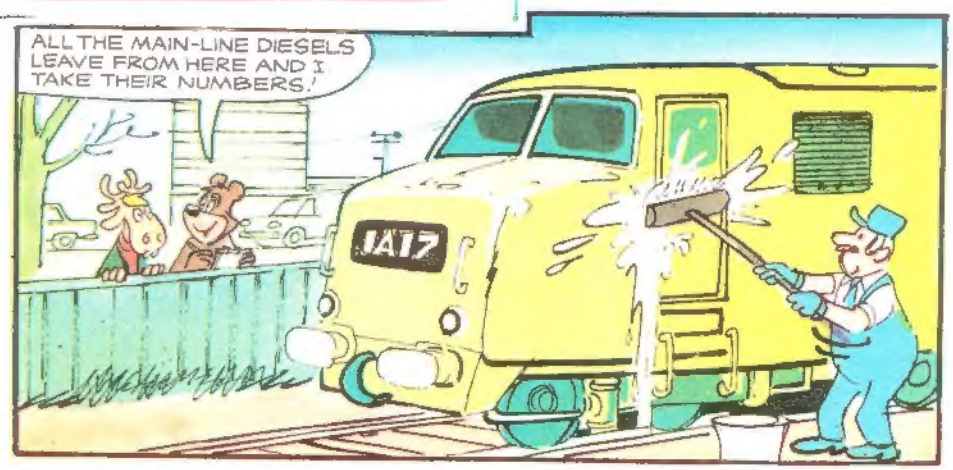


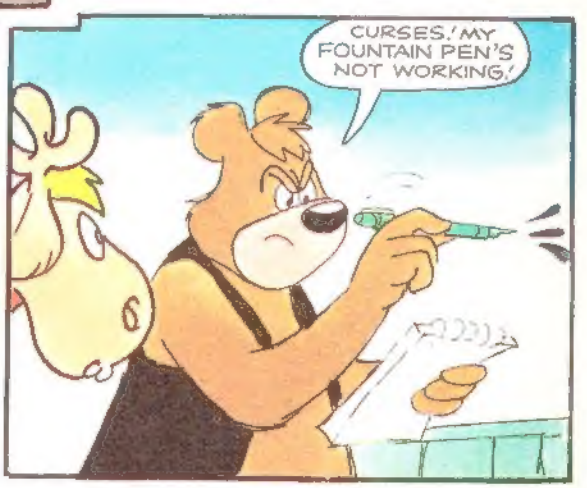
SID, WHAT'S COME OVER YOU? YOU'RE NO GOOD AT GARDENIN'!
A FAIRY WAVED HER MAGIC WAND, SO WE'RE SURE TO HAVE A LOVELY GARDEN THIS YEAR, ETHEL!
HA! HA! HA!
SEEDS

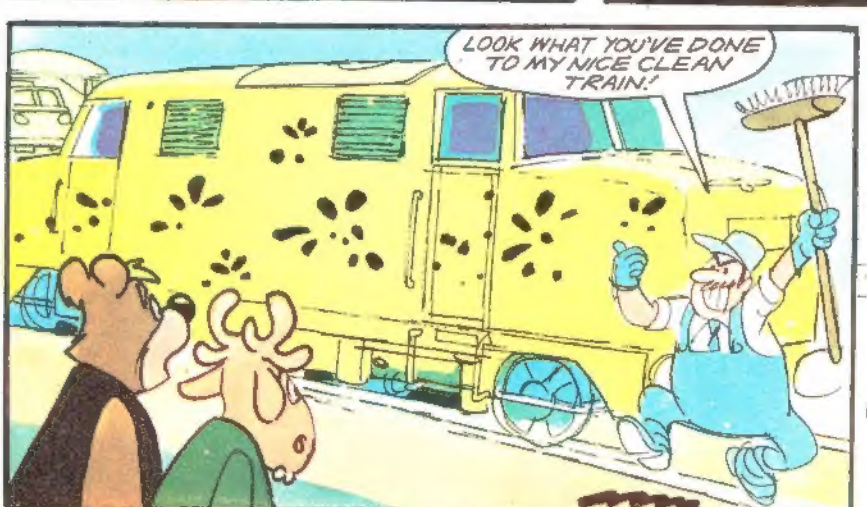
Next week: Dad joins the birds!

Barney Bear









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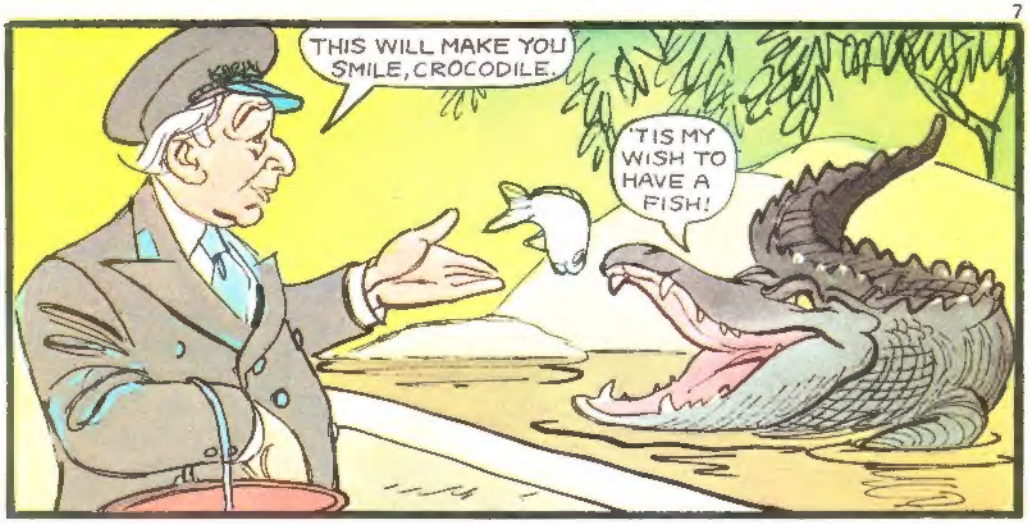
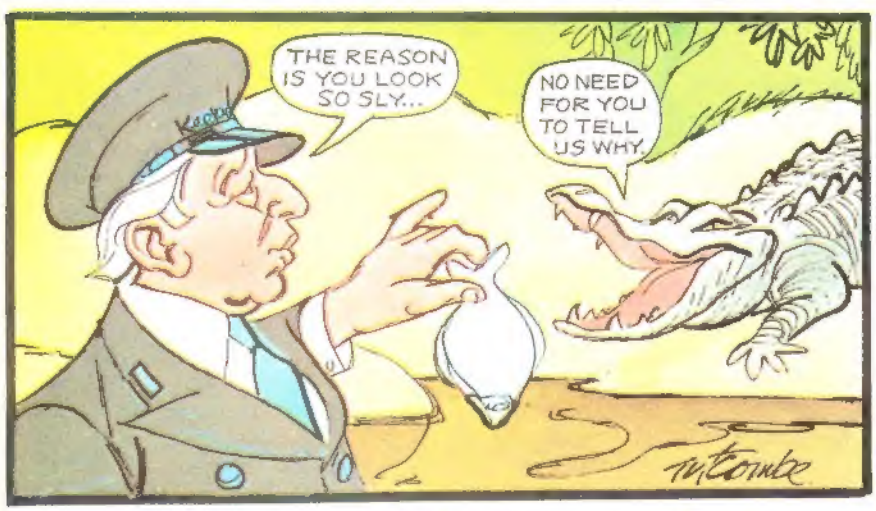
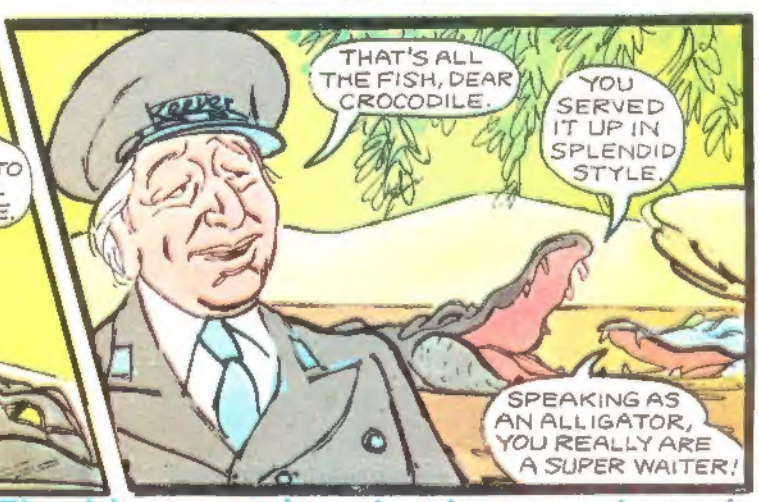
Moose's antlers come in handy soon

Johnny Morris's

ANIMAL MAGIC






Keeper
THAT'S ALL THE FISH, DEAR CROCODILE.
YOU SERVED IT UP IN SPLENDID STYLE.
SPEAKING AS AN ALLIGATOR, YOU REALLY ARE A SUPER WAITER!

The Llama and cart return next week

DROOPY
WHENEVER I GET NEAR FLOWERS, DOCTOR ... I START TO... A... A...
MEDICAL FILES
... SNEEZE!..
AHCHOO!
I SEE YOUR POINT! I'LL MAKE OUT A PRESCRIPTION!
SURGERY
A SIMPLE CASE OF HAY-FEVER, DROOPY! I SUGGEST YOU KEEP CLEAR OF FLOWERS!
THANKS, DOC'!
MEANWHILE...
WITH THIS REPLICA ROBOT OF MYSELF I'LL MAKE SURE DROOPY GETS HAMMERED, THIS WEEK... HUR! HUR!
AND SO...
CLANK KLOK
STAND BY FOR ACTION. THAT DUMB DOG IS ABOUT TO MEET MY DEADLY DOUBLE!
SOON...
HI, THERE, BUTCH, OL' BUDDY! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE WALKING KINDA STIFF TODAY!
IT'S... ALL... THE... ER... BENDING DOWN I'VE DONE...
AT BUTCH'S BASE...
...TO PICK YOU THESE LOVELY SPRING FLOWERS!
ROBOT EYE VIEWER
THAT'S REAL FRIENDLY, BUTCH. ONLY, THE DOC SAID I HAD TO STAY... A... AA...
AAAAAAAA
AHCHOOO
... AWAY FROM FLOWERS!
THE SNEEZE HAS VIOLENT REPERCUSSIONS...
YEOW! MY POOR EARDRUMS!
KNOCK
1/4 HALF
FULL POWER
DANGER
WHIRR!
S... SORRY, BUTCH! HEY, D'YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOK ALL TENSED UP.
SECONDS LATER...
SPIZZZZ!
OH, NO! HE'S GONE HAYWIRE!
TWOING
BONK
OW!
OOOH! MY POOR HEAD!
DIZZY SPELLS, EH, BUTCH? HADN'T YOU OUGHT TO SEE THE DOCTOR?

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Soon: Balloon bother for Droopy

Texas Ted

THERE'S NOTHING QUITE AS COSY AS A COAL FIRE!
DOGGONE! A TEXAS-TYPE MATCH'D GIVE MORE WARMTH. I'LL TOP IT UP, COUSIN!
THEN...
SPLUTTER
COUGH
BAH! YOU MUST HAVE BLOCKED THE CHIMNEY! I CAN'T SEE FOR SMOKE!
IT A...AIN'T M...MA FAULT, COUSIN!

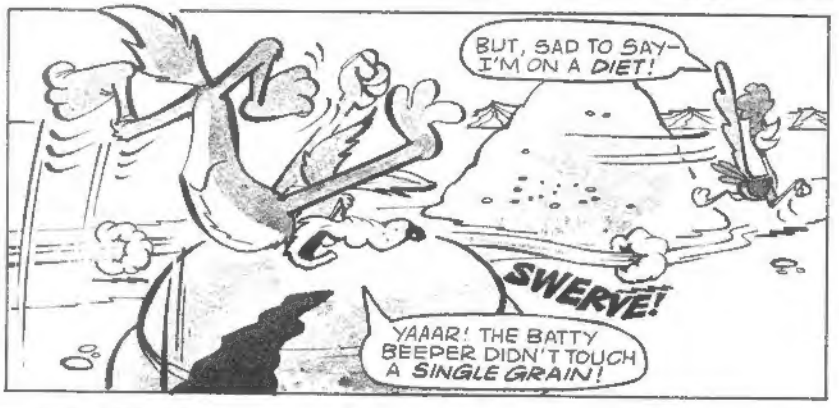
WHY THAT CHIMNEY POT'S TOO SMALL, COUSIN!
NOW WHERE AH'S COMES FROM, WE MAKE OUR CHIMNEYS BIG ENOUGH FER A DECENT FIRE!
NEXT MORNING...
EDWARD, WHAT ON EARTH'S GOING ON? WHAT ARE ALL THOSE BRICKS FOR?
DON'T GO FRETTIN' YERSELF, COUSIN. YOU'LL SOON SEE...
CEMENT

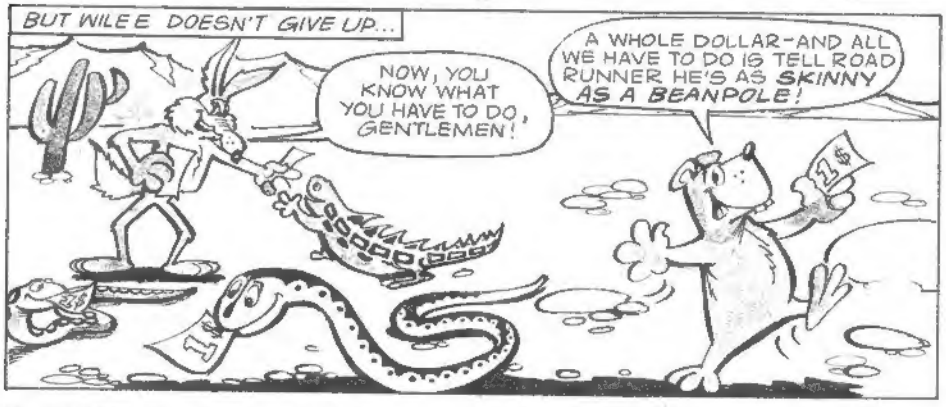
LATER...
BY THE TIME AH'VE FINISHED, YOU'LL HAVE A CHIMNEY TER BE PROUD OF, TOO!
OH, DEAR! I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, EDWARD!
EVENTUALLY...
THERE, COUSIN! LET'S GIT IN THE COAL AND MAKE A REAL FIRE! YOU SURE WON'T SEE NO MORE SMOKE!
IF YOU SAY SO, EDWARD!
SO...
NOW WHERE WAS WE?
CREAK
EDWARD, CAN YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

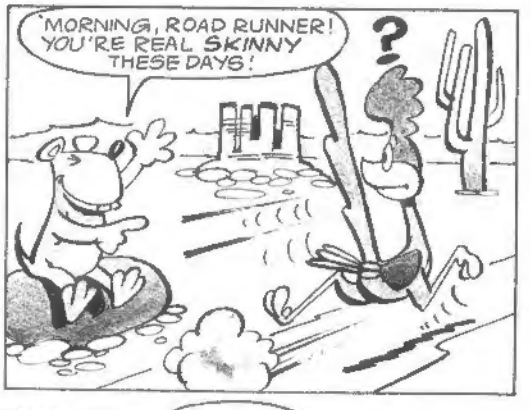
I KNEW THAT CHIMNEY WAS TOO BIG! THE HOUSE IS COMING DOWN UNDER THE WEIGHT!
GREAT CRUMBLIN' CACTI! THEY SURE DON'T BUILD 'EM TOUGH OVER HERE!
CRASH
GRASSSSH!
GRR! FIRST I COULDN'T SEE FOR SMOKE. NOW I CAN'T SEE FOR DUST! JUST WAIT 'TIL IT SETTLES, YOU CLUMSY GREAT COWBOY!
G-GULP! IT...IT'S T-TIME I CLEARED OFF, AH FIGURE!
FRANK McDIARMID

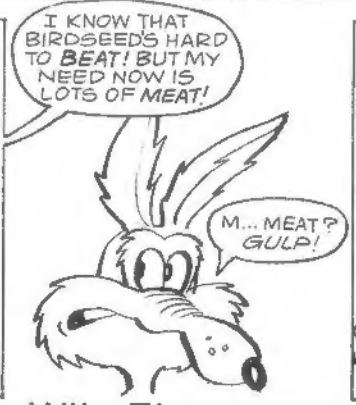
What a scream when Ted gets a screen soon!

BEEP BEEP The Road Runner




BUT WILE E DOESN'T GIVE UP...
NOW, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, GENTLEMEN!
A WHOLE DOLLAR-AND ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TELL ROAD RUNNER HE'S AS SKINNY AS A BEANPOLE!





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Wile E's snappy with a camera next week!

Readers' Page

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Dear Editor

This is a picture of me when I was six-years-old. My hobbies are swimming and collecting stamps, and my favourite stories in TV Comic are Tom and Jerry and Pink Panther

Charlotte Arculus, Sheffield.

A sort of swimming philatelist??

Dear Editor

My hobby is collecting soft toys I am very fond of them and have lots in my collection. In fact I have seventy! I have got eight elephants, two of which are very big, four penguins, six koala bears, a cat, two pandas, two kangaroos and lots of teddy bears. The latest soft toys to join my collection are a large hippo and a badger

Jenny Nutkins, Southgate, London.

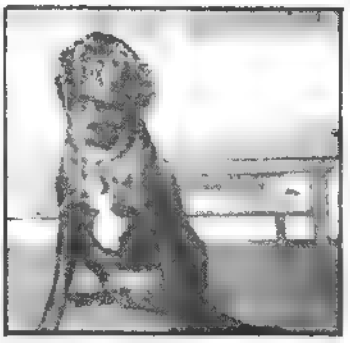
How do you get in your bedroom?

Dear Editor

My name is Denise Devon and I am eleven-years-old. I have a baby sister aged three, called Lara. I also have a pet dog called Emmie. This is a photograph of her. My hobbies are playing the guitar and swimming

Tiverton, Devon.

With your surname you definitely live in the right county, don't you, Denise?



Dear Editor

I am writing to tell you about my auntie's television set. My auntie has a colour television but they could not get the colour right until one night when my aunt felt cold and put the central-heating on. After a while she switched on the telly, and to her amazement the colour was perfect. Later on she turned the heating off, and when the family were watching telly that evening the colour kept going wrong! My aunt told them what had happened earlier, so they turned on the heating, and after a while the picture was perfect. So now every time they want to watch the television they have to warm it up a couple of hours before, and no-one can explain why!

Tracey Everton, Weald, Middx.

I think your auntie's telly must be a little off colour, Tracey!!

Dear Editor

I think that I must be Bugs Bunny's greatest fan I have got a talking Bugs Bunny which I have had for two years, four Bugs Bunny annuals, a Bugs Bunny record, some Bugs Bunny cartoon books and, to add to my collection, I have been given a Bugs Bunny soap and bubble-bath set. I buy TV Comic every week, and you can guess what my favourite story is!

Sally Mason, Herts.

Dear Editor

My name is Brian King and I am ten-years-old. I enjoy TV Comic a lot, my favourite stories being TV Terrors and Mighty Moth. When I have finished reading them, I send them to the barber's shop for other children to read My hobbies are gardening and football

Sherborne, Dorset.

Not so much a news item, more of a snippet??!!

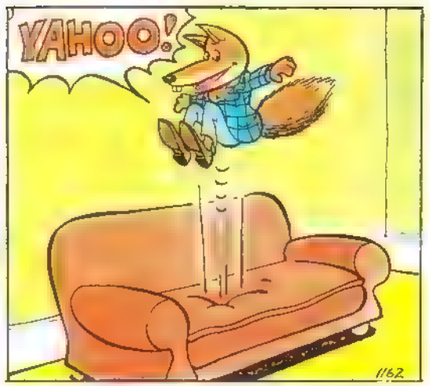
Dear Editor

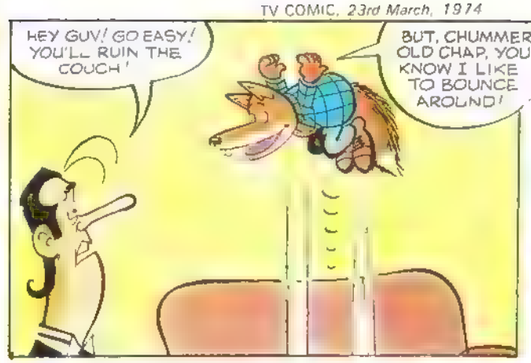
I have been reading TV Comic for three years and I think that it is a great comic. I like reading Readers' Page, and my favourite stories are Droopy and Popeye. This is a photograph of me and my brother

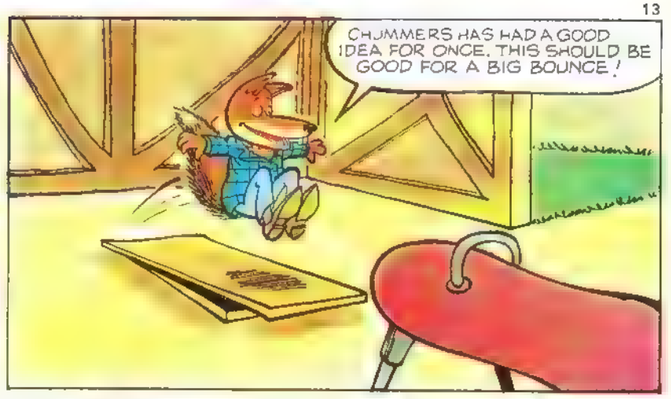
Dawn Robinson, Essenway.

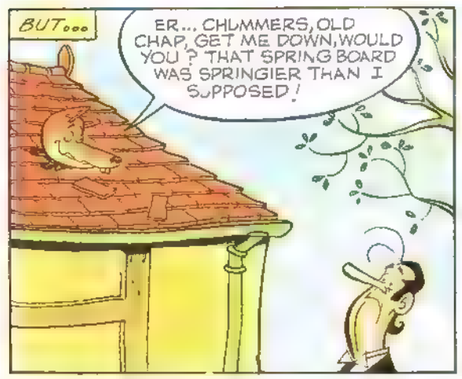
The trouble with that lubber Droopy is, he never eats his spinach!!

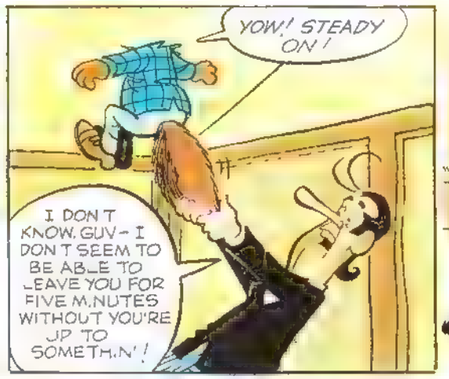
BASIL BRUSH

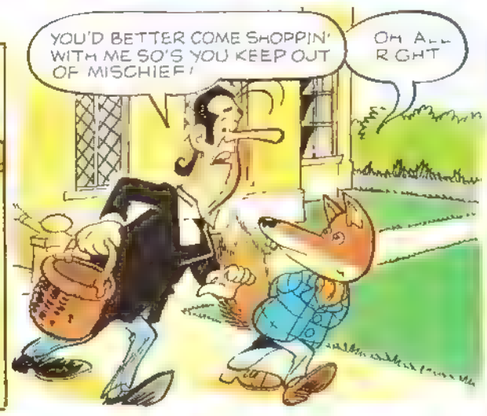


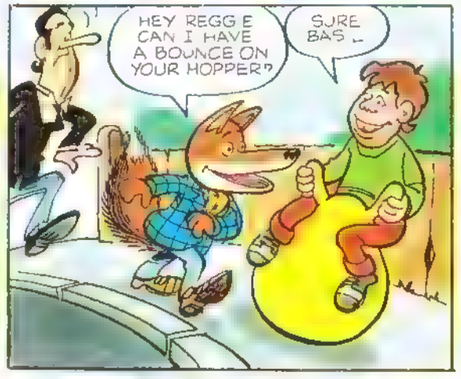


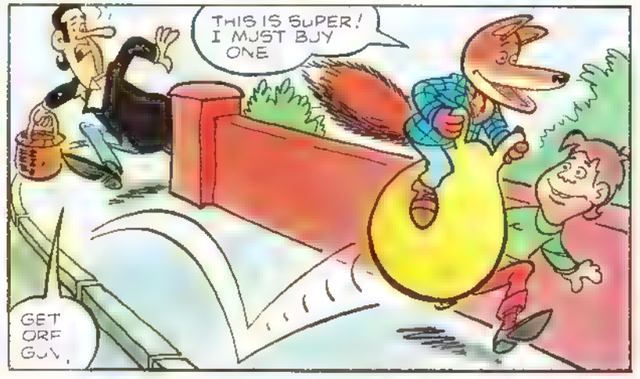


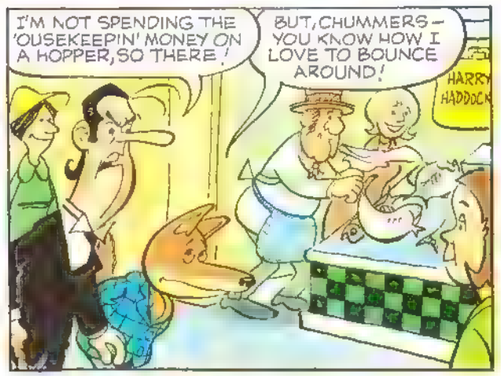


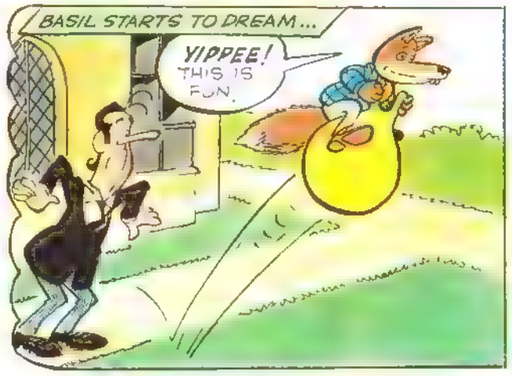


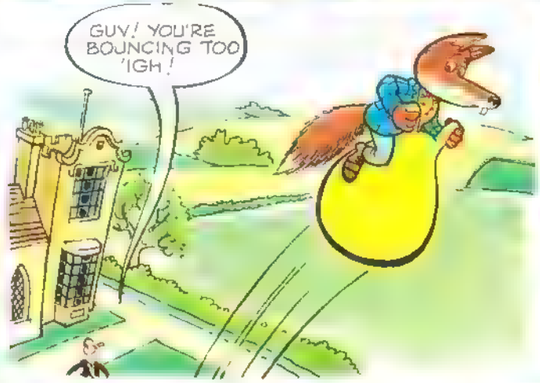


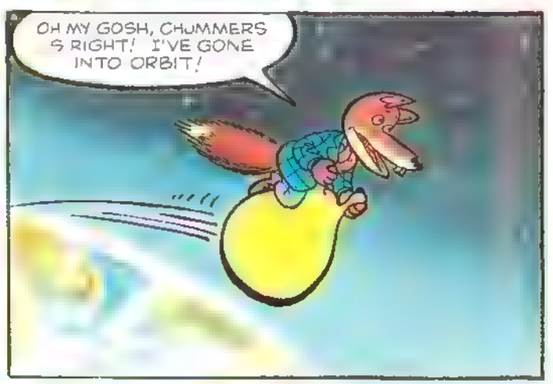


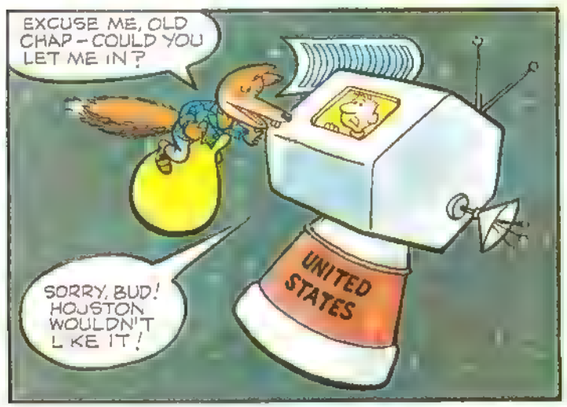


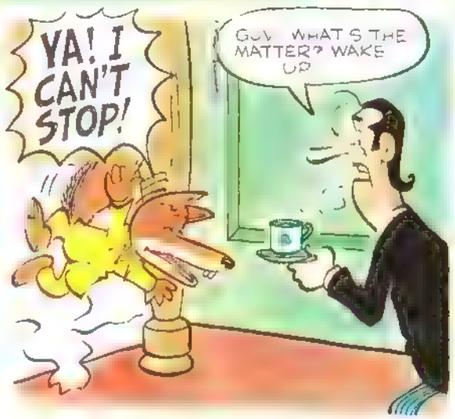


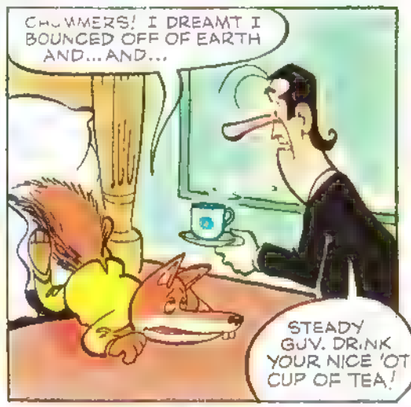


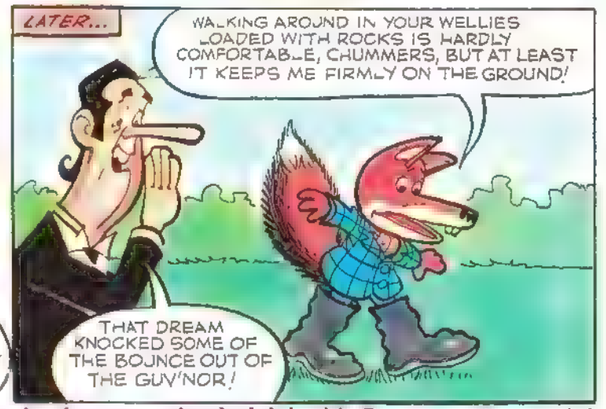






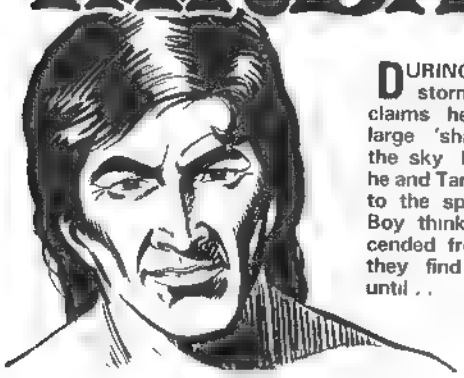





LATER...
WALKING AROUND IN YOUR WELLIES LOADED WITH ROCKS IS HARDLY COMFORTABLE, CHUMMERS, BUT AT LEAST IT KEEPS ME FIRMLY ON THE GROUND!
THAT DREAM KNOCKED SOME OF THE BOUNCE OUT OF THE GUV'NOR!

Have you ever heard of a sea-farin' bird? See next week!

TARZAN



DURING a severe storm, Boy claims he sees a large 'shadow' in the sky. But when he and Tarzan travel to the spot where Boy thinks it descended from view, they find nothing, until . .

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IT IS TARZAN—THEN HE HAS CLAIMED OUR MISSING WARRIORS. NOW IT IS HIS TURN TO DIE!
WAAGH! SLAY THEM!
TARZAN CALLS FOR HELP . . .
YOU ACT UNWISELY, JACKALS! COME, MIGHTY ONE. WE ARE OUTNUMBERED.
UNNGH!
THEN . .
AIEE!
RETURN HIM TO HIS KIND! I THINK HE HAS LOST HIS SPIRIT FOR FIGHTING!
WE CANNOT MATCH THE JUNGLE LORD NOW WE WILL PERISH, LIKE THE OTHERS HAVE DONE!
OOH!
YOU TALK IN RIDDLES! IT WAS YOU WHO THREATENED DEATH. TELL ME WHAT THIS MEANS . . . ?
TARZAN IS LED TO THE VILLAGE, WHERE . .
I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY NIGHTFIRES. AND SEE THOSE SPIKED POLES IT IS TRUE, THEY MUST LIVE IN FEAR . .
SINCE MANY OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE WANDERED FROM THE VILLAGE AND NOT RETURNED— WE KILL ALL STRANGERS.
TARZAN, PERHAPS IT LINKS WITH THE 'SHADOW' IN THE SKY? IT SEEMS THAT AND WARRIORS HAVE VANISHED!
WE SHALL SEE, BOY! BUT I WILL NOT LEAVE HERE UNTIL THE TRUTH IS DISCOVERED I, TARZAN, SWEAR IT!

Don't miss next week's episode

BANK NOTICE BOARD
DAD'S ARMY
COME ONE, COME ALL
1974 Peter Th
AFTER A DAY AT THE BANK...
A CHERISHED MOMENT, WILSON MY DEAR WIFE WILL HAVE MY SLIPPERS WAITING WITH THE EVENING PAPER
CHEZ NOU
IT SOUNDS VERY COSY, SIR
BUT
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF SEEING THE GARDEN IN SUCH A STATE!
BAH!
AND SO..
THIS IS NO JOB FOR AN OFFICER
MAINWARING HAS AN IDEA THAT NIGHT AT PARADE...
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO HELP DEFEAT THE HUN!
EASY VEGETABLE GROWING
WAIT FOR THE CATCH!
YES, MEN. MRS MAINWARING AND I WILL SACRIFICE OUR HUMBLE GARDEN FOR THE GOOD OF THE NATION.
OCH! CRAFTY SO-AND-SO!
for VICTORY
THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND
IT'S GOOD TO SEE THE EARTH BEING TILLED, WILSON.
MMM > YES, HIGHLY COMMENDABLE, SIR!
POOR DEVILS!
JONES INTERRUPTS.
LEAVE IT TO US, MR MAINWARING, SIR. IT'LL LOOK LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN IN NO TIME AT ALL!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, CORPORAL JONES!
THEN
BLIMEY!
CLANK
MINUTES LATER
IT'S A BOMB! DON'T PANIC, EVACUATE! DON'T PANIC!
THE BOMB-DISPOSAL SQUAD ARE CALLED IN... AND SOON...
I GATHER YOU HAVE DEFUSED THE THING AND IT IS NOW SAFE TO RETURN, CAPTAIN?
NOT EXACTLY, SIR
DANGER BOMB UNEXPLODED
ONE CAN HARDLY DEFUSE A VASE, SIR!
AUNT MILLIE'S VASE WHY, YOU MONSTER YOU BURIED IT IN THE GARDEN!
GULP! HMMPH! YES, WELL
COME BACK HERE, YOU COWARD!
I SUPPOSE ONE MIGHT SAY THAT THE CAPTAIN DUG FOR CERTAIN DEFEAT!
I CAN EXPLAIN! OUCH!
CLONK

Mainwaring's star-struck soon

BOPPO'S CLUB

Hello, Girls and Boys,

Since I started writing my Newsletters in TV Comic, lots more girls and boys have joined our Club and my postbag has become bigger and bigger. I've enjoyed reading about the things you like to do and all the nice things you have had to say about our Club.

It has been most interesting linking together those of you who asked for a Boppo Club pen-friend and I hope by now you are beginning to exchange letters, with one another.

As you know, I do like our members to do all they can to help children who are unlucky enough to be handicapped; one way that we can do this together is by collecting things that will swell our Bounty Box fund. I am very anxious to buy our first Boppo Mini-bus because I know the pleasure that it will bring to a group of youngsters who cannot travel very far on their own.

I have been to lots of special schools for the handicapped where they have their own mini-buses, and have seen the girls and boys setting off on trips to the seaside or visits to the theatre, each bus with its own load of happy passengers. When you think that some children have only seen the outside world through the dark-blue glass of ambulance windows, I am sure you will realise how fortunate we are and how easy it is to take cars and coaches for granted. Would you like to help me by making a special effort in the next few weeks and collecting trading stamps for our Bounty Box fund?

As we don't do much shopping ourselves, we must ask the grown-ups for their help — I am sure they will be interested in what we are trying to do. Lots of people don't bother to take the stamps with their shopping but I am sure they would do so in future just for us—will you ask them, please? Later in the year we will have another special campaign and collect other items which could prove valuable if we all collected them together.

Now, just for interest, just see how many different words you can make from the letters of the word HANDICAPPED. Test yourselves against some of your friends and see who does the best. I managed to find 44 words, but I expect you can beat that easily!

'Bye for now.

Boppo

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Westmorland House,
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Bristol BS99 7QX

DO YOU KNOW?

1 ESKIMOS live in the North of?
2 What country's stamps does NEWFOUNDLAND now use?
3 Which Br Commonwealth country speaks ENGLISH and FRENCH?
4 The MAPLE LEAF is the emblem of which country?

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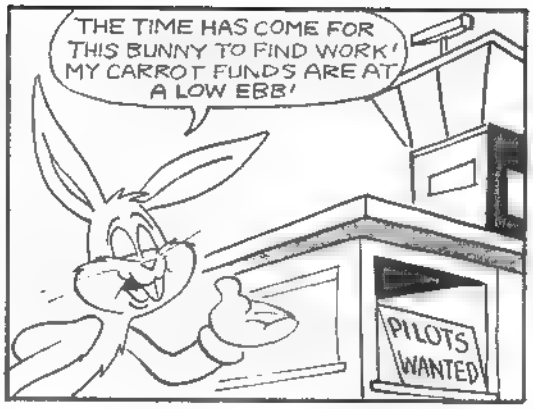
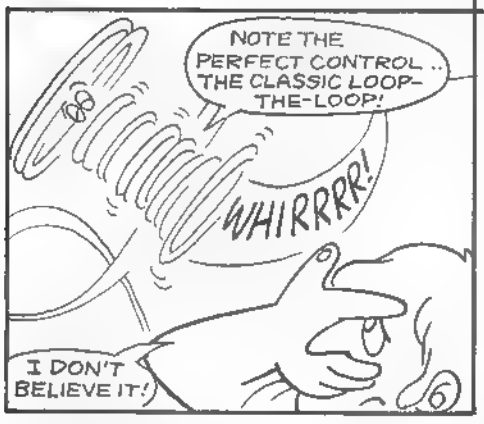
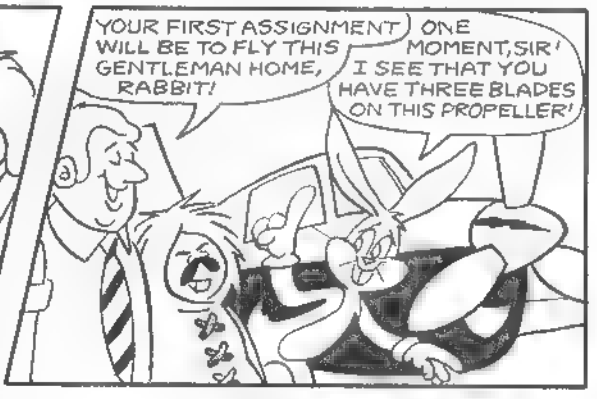
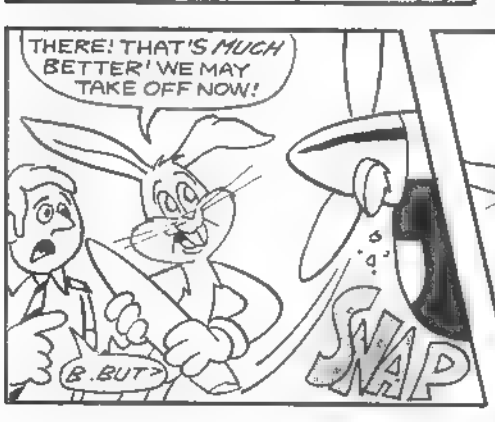
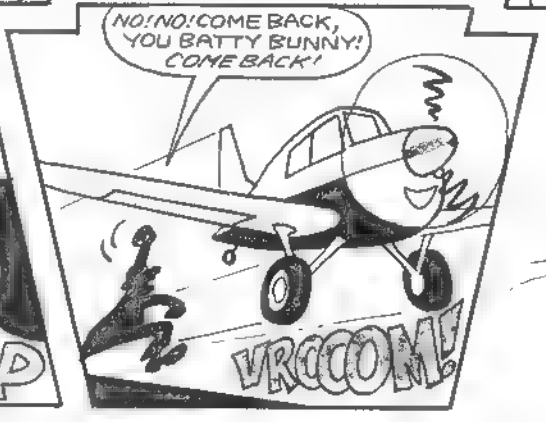
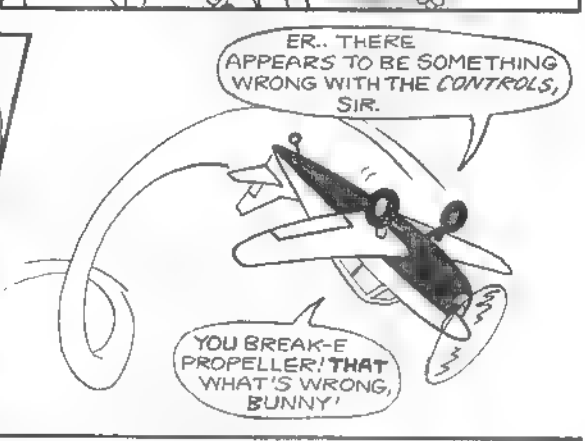


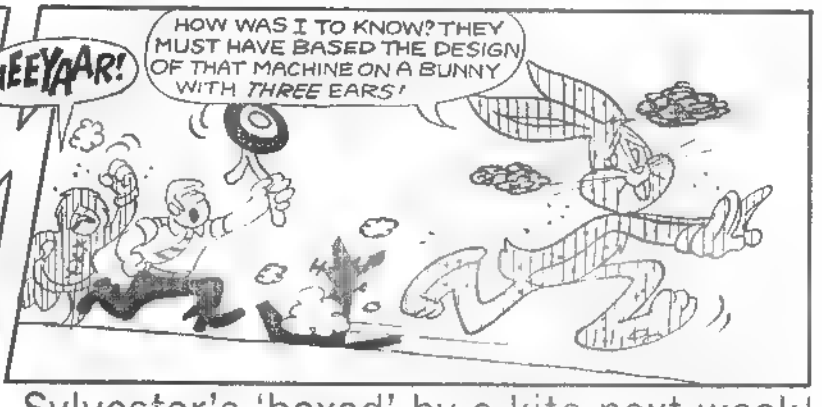



YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT WILL BE TO FLY THIS GENTLEMAN HOME, RABBIT!
ONE MOMENT, SIR! I SEE THAT YOU HAVE THREE BLADES ON THIS PROPELLER!









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Sylvester's 'boxed' by a kite next week!

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I GIVE YOU ONE LAST REQUEST, SIGNOR. ARE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY?
YES! I'D LIKE TO SING A SONG PLEASE! THERE WERE 120,000 GREEN BOTTLES HANGING ON THE WALL...

DIANE EVANS
YORKS

STEPHEN
TOMLINSON,
STAFFS

JONATHAN
WILLETT,
LEEDS

PINK PANTHER
EARLY ONE MORNING.
I'M GOING TO BE A PAVEMENT ARTIST THEY SAY YOU CAN MAKE QUITE A GOOD LIVING OUT OF IT!
THIS LOOKS A GOOD SPOT
HMM! THERE'S A LITTLE CLOUD COMING UP OVER THE HORIZON I'D BETTER PUT THAT IN
AHA A MINUTE A BIT BIGGER NOW
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT
I SHOULDN'T BOTHER!
I CAN SOON ENLARGE IT WITH SOME GREY CHALK!
THERE'S JUST ONE THING NOT QUITE RIGHT!
AND WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?
THE GREY CLOUD IS MUCH BIGGER THAN YOU'VE DRAWN IT!
HMM MORE LIKE IT
DON'T YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING? "RED SKY IN THE MORNING — PAVEMENT ARTIST'S WARNING"

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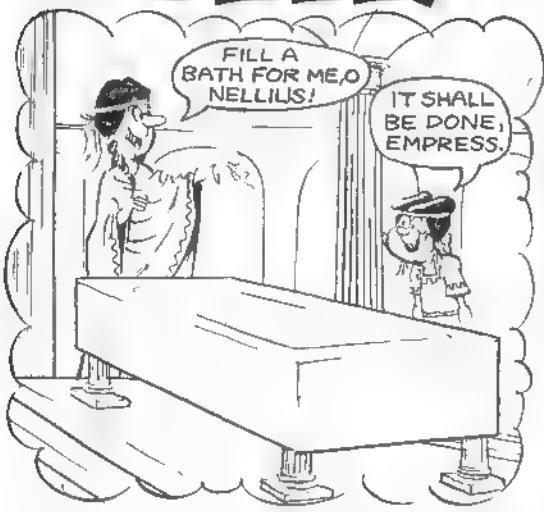
NELLY AND HER TELLY



Laurel & Hardy

I CAN'T SEE A THING, OLLIE WE SHOULD HAVE COME EAR.. ER FOR A PLACE AT THE FRONT OF THE CROWD!
PEAK NOT, STANLEY!
TODAY LNITED v ROVERS
PRETEND TO FAINT, STANLEY. THEN YOU'LL BE PASSED OVER THE CROWD TO THE AMBULANCE MEN AT THE FRONT! THEN MAKE A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY!
THAT'S CLEVER, OLLIE!

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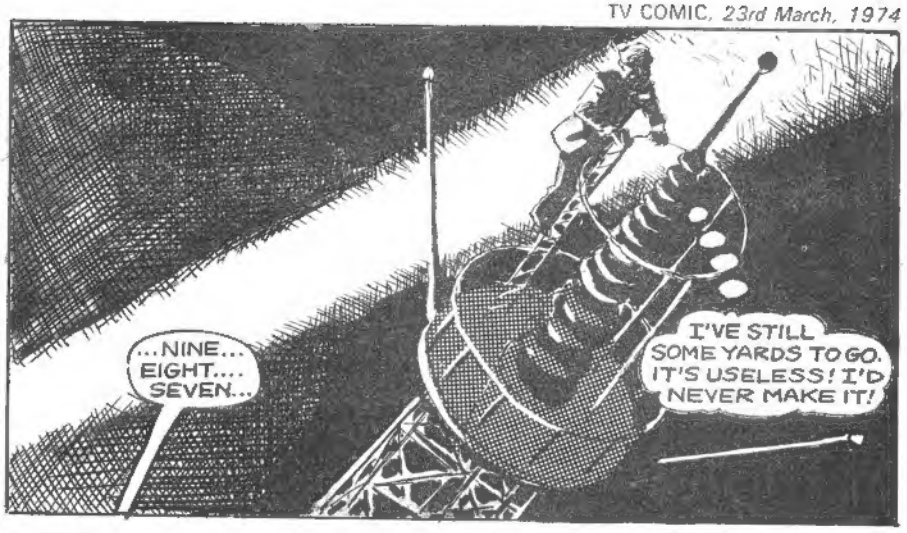
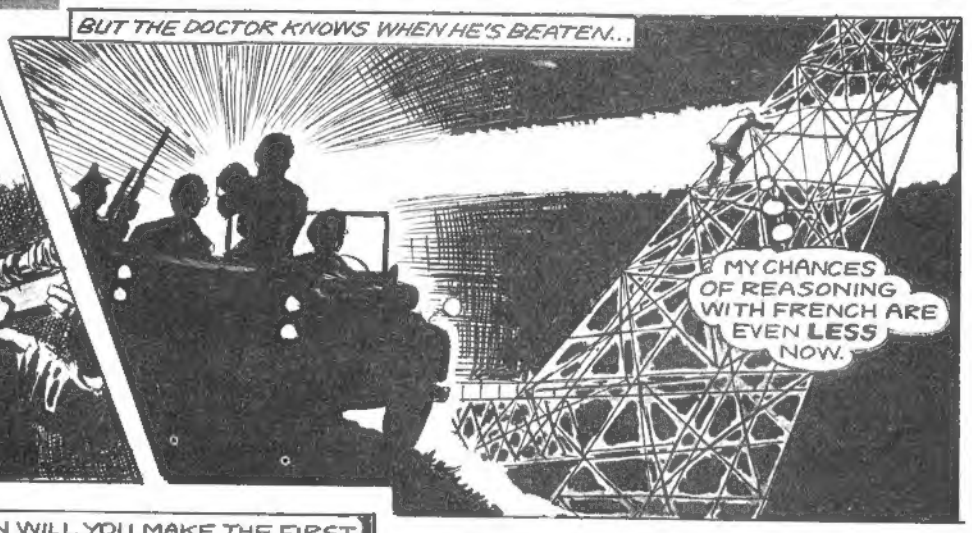
DR WHO

IS ANYONE THERE?

THE Doctor is at Station Orion, Australia, for the opening of the world's largest radio telescope, which has a new wave accelerator, invented by Sir Humphrey Picton. The station's director, Louis French, refuses to delay an experiment to contact other intelligences in space, although the Doctor predicts dire consequences. Then the Doctor takes matters into his own hands . . .





SOON...
DOCTOR FRENCH, MY ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE NO OTHER WAS LEFT TO ME!
I ONLY DEAL WITH SCIENCE AND SANITY. YOU, DOCTOR, ARE UNDOUBTEDLY IN NEED OF PSYCHIATRIC HELP!

WHEN WILL YOU MAKE THE FIRST FULL-POWER TRANSMISSION WITH THE ACCELERATOR?
TOMORROW. BUT YOU NEEDN'T CONCERN YOURSELF ABOUT THAT! YOU WON'T BE WATCHING!

WHEN THE FOLLOWING MORNING DAWNS, IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FLY IN FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF STATION ORION...
I HEAR YOU'VE HAD SOME ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE, DOCTOR FRENCH.
JUST SOME POMMY CRANK FRIGHTENED OF PROGRESS, PRIME MINISTER. HIS DEPORTATION ORDER SHOULD BE THROUGH BEFORE THE DAY IS OUT.

AND IN THE STATION'S SECURITY SECTION...
WHITEHALL IS ABSOLUTELY FURIOUS, DOCTOR.
SIR HUMPHREY, I IMPLORE YOU! STOP THAT EXPERIMENT BEFORE IT CAUSES A GALACTIC AND PLANETARY DISASTER!

LOUIS FRENCH WAS ONE OF THE BEST STUDENTS I EVER HAD. HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING!
I DOUBT IT! THERE'S NO FOOL LIKE AN OLD FOOL— ESPECIALLY WHEN HE'S BEEN FLATTERED THE WAY YOU HAVE!

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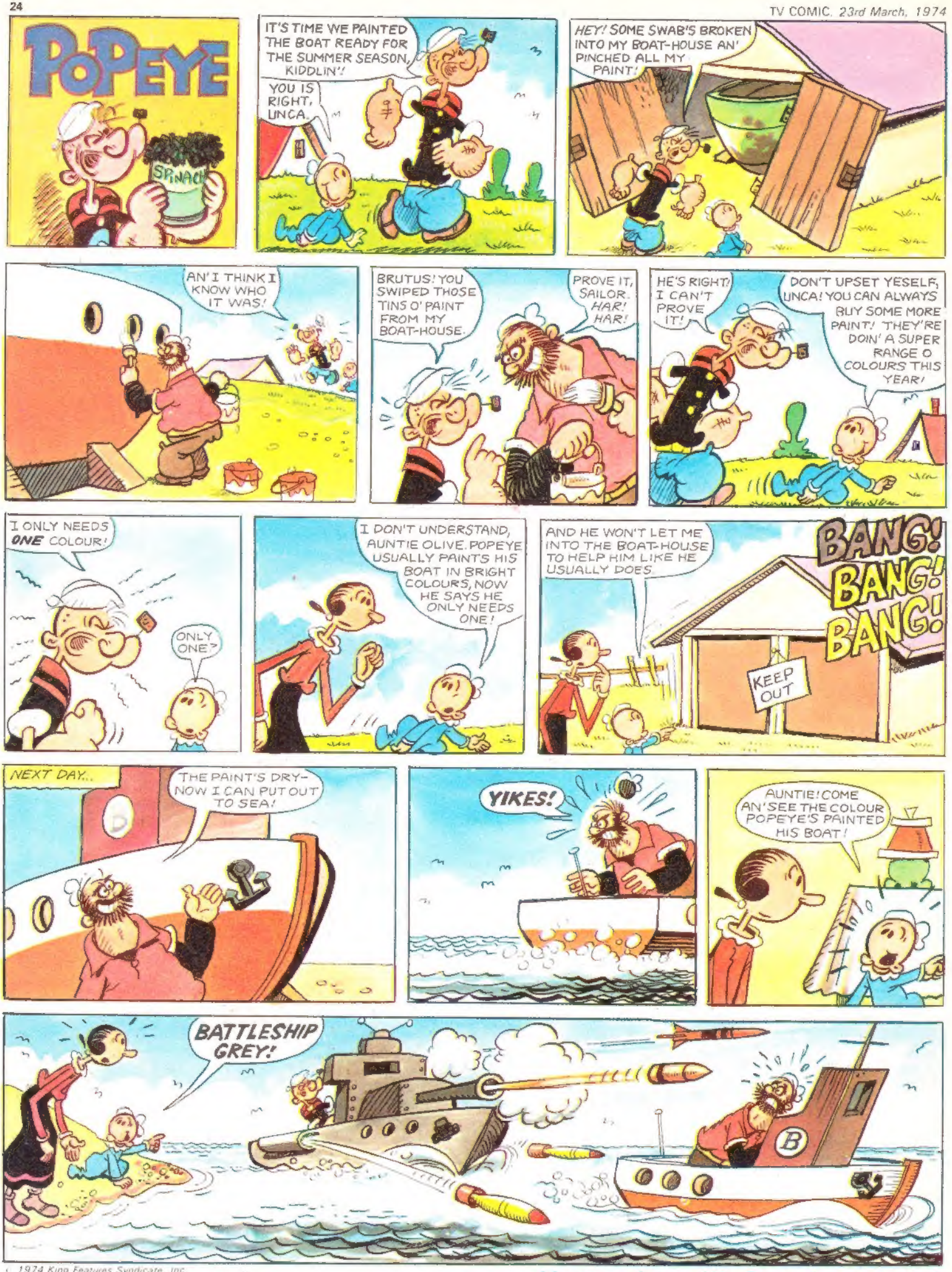
SEVERAL HOURS LATER, STATION ORION IS READY FOR ITS FIRST MAJOR EXPERIMENT...
GIVE THE ACCELERATOR FULL POWER.
USING THE ACCELERATOR WE HOPE TO CONTACT ANY INTELLIGENCE EXISTING IN THE PLANETARY SYSTEM OF EPSILON ERADNI.
THAT WOULD TAKE MANY YEARS WITHOUT THE ACCELERATOR, I BELIEVE?
YES, PRIME MINISTER. AN INNER CORE OF LIGHT ROTATES A BEAM AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT ON TO THE OUTER WALL, AND THUS HURTLES OUT AT MANY-THOUSANDS-OF-TIMES FASTER.
FROM THE ANTENNAE OF THE ACCELERATOR MAST, INVISIBLE POWER PULSES INTO THE CLEAR MOUNTAIN AIR...
ONLY ONE PERSON REALISES THE FOLLY OF IT ALL AND HE IS BEING FLOWN BACK TO MENZIES...
SO THE EXPERIMENT HAS BEGUN?
FORGET ABOUT IT, SIR. WE'RE DUE TO MEET AN OUT-GOING FLIGHT AT MENZIES. LET'S NOT WASTE TIME.
THE HELICOPTER IS ONLY MINUTES FROM STATION ORION, WHEN...
LOOKS LIKE A STORM UP AHEAD. IT WOULD BE RISKY FLYING THROUGH THAT LOT!
YOU'RE AN INTELLIGENT MAN, MAJOR! I SHOULD ADVISE YOU TO GET ME DOWN TO ORION IMMEDIATELY.
ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THIS STORM IS TO DO WITH THE EXPERIMENT, SIR?
PRECISELY, MAJOR. CAN YOU HONESTLY GIVE ANY EXPLANATION FOR A PHENOMENON LIKE THAT? DOES IT EVER RAIN IN THIS PART OF THE DESERT?
GOOD GRIEF! DO AS HE SAYS, PILOT! GET US DOWN!
I HAVE A NASTY FEELING IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TOO LATE, MAJOR!
HOLD ON FOR YOUR LIVES!

Another thrilling episode next week


POPEYE
SPINACH
IT'S TIME WE PAINTED THE BOAT READY FOR THE SUMMER SEASON, KIDDLIN'!
YOU IS RIGHT, UNCA.
HEY! SOME SWAB'S BROKEN INTO MY BOAT-HOUSE AN' PINCHED ALL MY PAINT!
AN' I THINK I KNOW WHO IT WAS!
BRUTUS! YOU SWIPED THOSE TINS O' PAINT FROM MY BOAT-HOUSE.
PROVE IT, SAILOR. HAR! HAR!
HE'S RIGHT! I CAN'T PROVE IT!
DON'T UPSET YESELF, UNCA! YOU CAN ALWAYS BUY SOME MORE PAINT! THEY'RE DOIN' A SUPER RANGE O COLOURS THIS YEAR!
I ONLY NEEDS ONE COLOUR!
ONLY ONE?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, AUNTIE OLIVE. POPEYE USUALLY PAINTS HIS BOAT IN BRIGHT COLOURS, NOW HE SAYS HE ONLY NEEDS ONE!
AND HE WON'T LET ME INTO THE BOAT-HOUSE TO HELP HIM LIKE HE USUALLY DOES.
BANG! BANG! BANG!
KEEP OUT
NEXT DAY...
THE PAINT'S DRY- NOW I CAN PUT OUT TO SEA!
YIKES!
AUNTIE! COME AN' SEE THE COLOUR POPEYE'S PAINTED HIS BOAT!
BATTLESHIP GREY!
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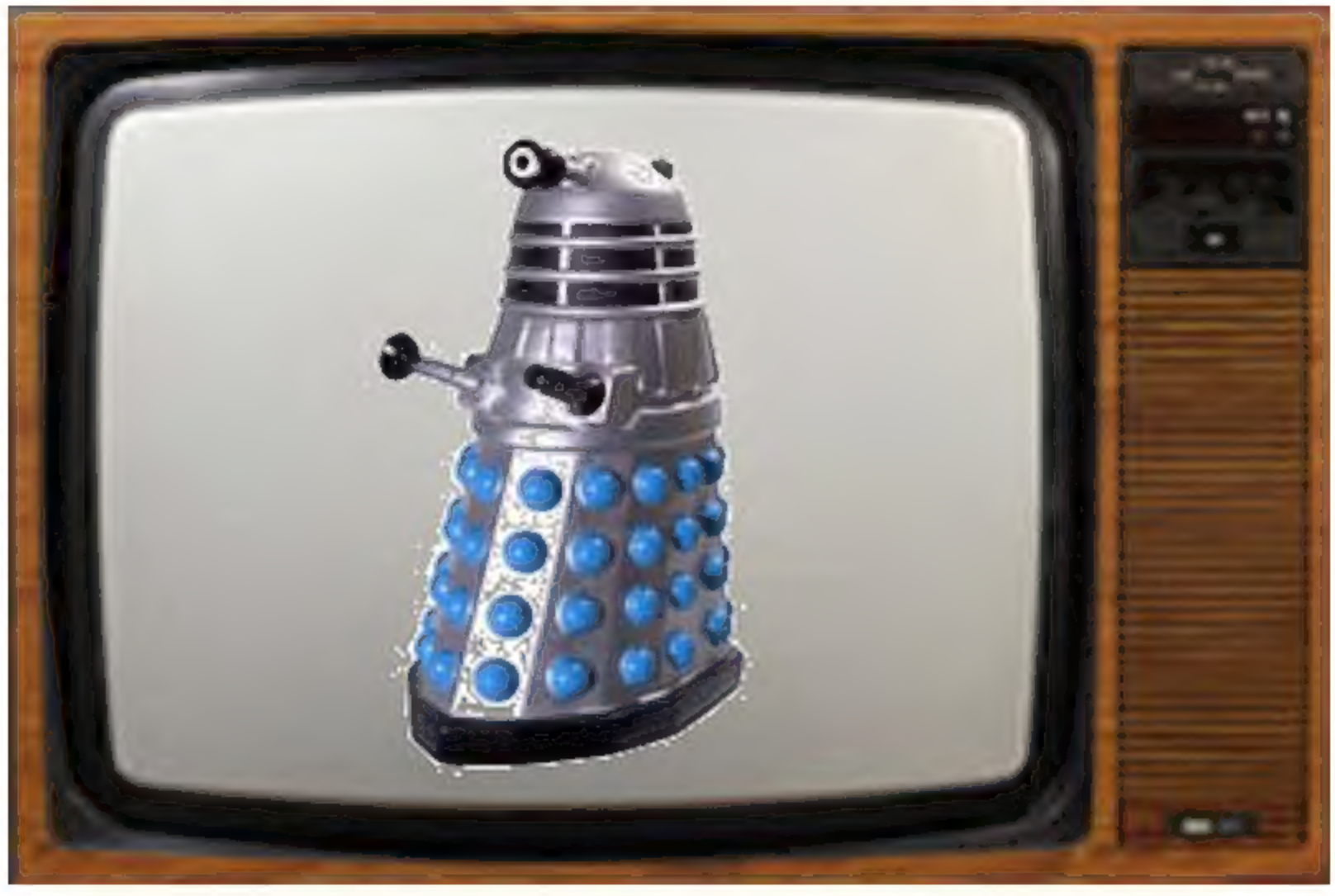
Horse-play with Sweetpea soon!

Seek! Locate! Preserve!



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